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PASS USGS ALBUQUERQUE FOR MR. BUTLER

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM (SROP)

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE CONTENTS OF BUTLER'S CABLE TO DR. H.M. CHAUDHURY, DIRECTOR-SEISMOLOGY, INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY, ON THE DELAY IN BORING THE HOLE AT SHILLONG.

DR. CHAUDHURY SAYS THAT HE WROTE TO DR. PRASAD, CHAIRMAN, OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION, DEHRA DUN AND DR. VARADHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY A MONTH AGO FOR ASSISTANCE IN DRILLING THE HOLE AT SHILLONG. HE HAS HAD NO REPLY SO FAR. HOWEVER, HE HAS PROMISED TO DEPUTE A SENIOR OFFICER TO MEET WITH THESE OFFICIALS TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY WILL BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE JOB.

2. CHAUDHURY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN UNDERTAKE THIS JOB. HE HOPES TO CONTACT CHIEF ENGINEERS IN THE STATES OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANDHRA PRADESH WHERE HARD ROCK OPERATIONS ARE UNDERTAKEN. DR. CHAUDHURY HOPES TO LINE-UP ONE OF THESE INDIAN PARTIES FOR THE CONTRACT TO BORE THE HOLE AT SHILLONG BEFORE THE END OF APRIL. HE HOPES TO INVITE BUTLER AND BATSON OF THE UNITECH EARLY IN MAY SO THEY CAN FINALIZE THE ARRANGEMENTS.
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3. CHAUDHURY ALSO SAID THAT THE DRILLING OF THE HOLE WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER WHEN THE MONSOONS ARE OVER IN SHILLONG. THEY BEGIN IN EARLY MAY. HE CONTEMPLATES THAT IT WILL TAKE ONE MONTH THERE HOWEVER TO DRILL THE HOLE AND ANOTHER TWO MONTHS TO INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT.

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4. SCIENCE OFFICE APPRECIATES BUTLER SENDING US A COPY OF
THE CABLE TO CHAUDHURY SO WE COULD TAKE FOLLOWUP
ACTION. WE WOULD HOWEVER APPRECIATE THAT IN FUTURE WE ARE KEPT
FULLY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THIS PROJECT
SO WE CAN INTERVENE WHERE THERE IS A DELAY AND PROVIDE THE LOCAL
BACKUP. PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT WE CAN BE OF
ASSISTANCE WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE. (SEE REFTEL NEW DELHI 18494
DATED DECEMBER 23, 1976.)

5. CHAUDHURY IS REPLYING DIRECTLY O BUTLER.SCHNEIDER

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